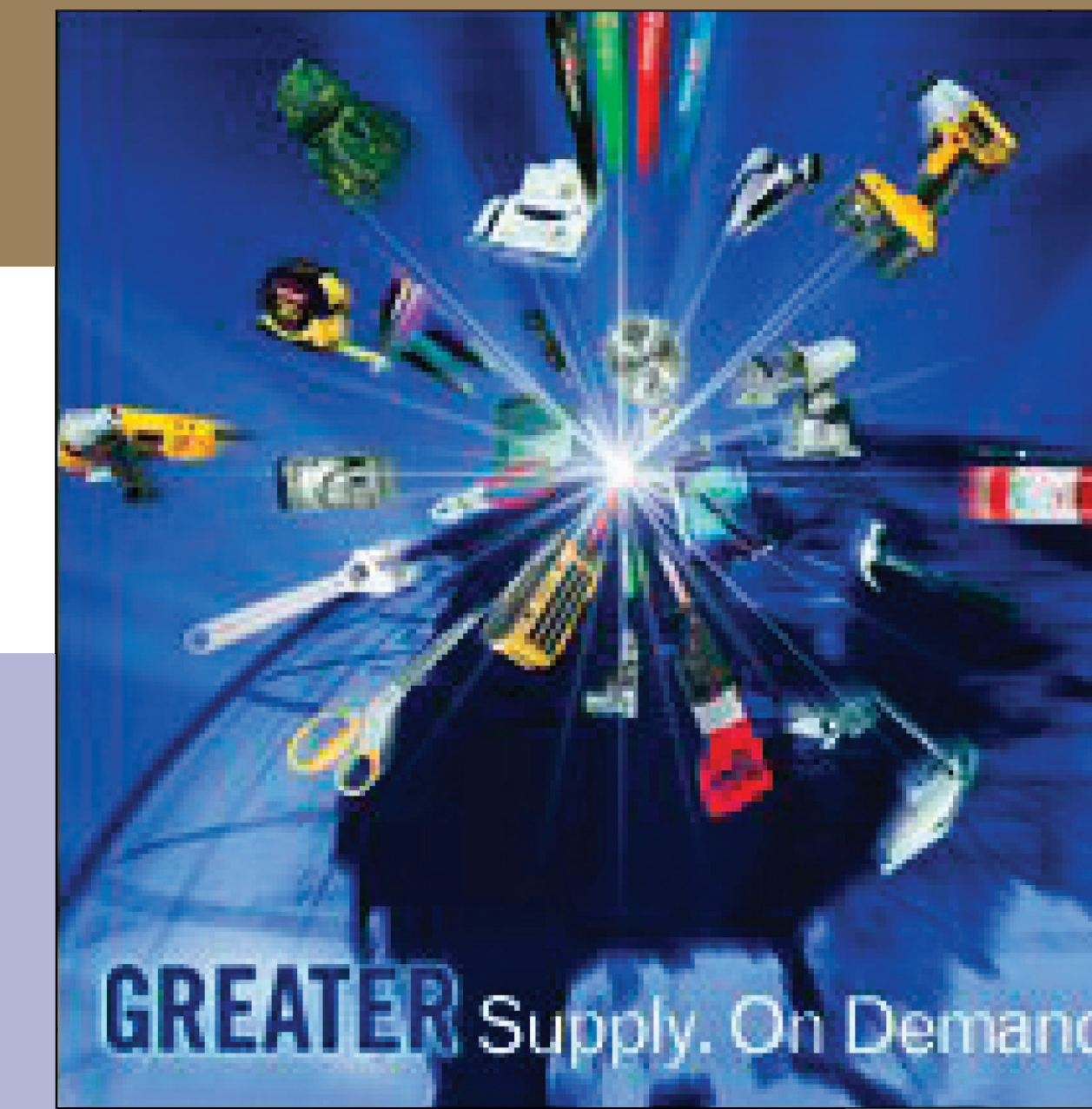
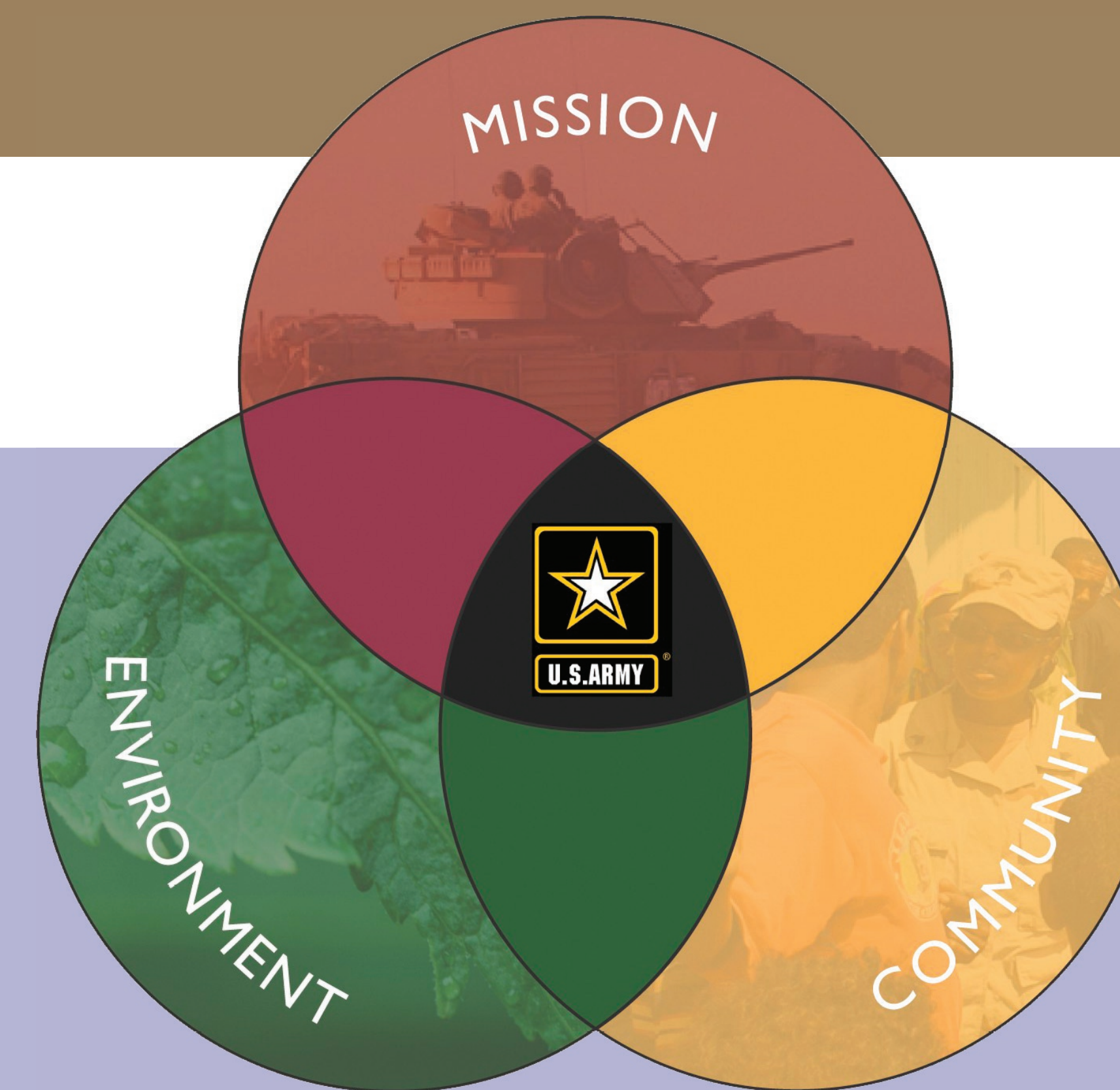


SEMS Goal #9

All Department of Defense (DOD) and Fort Carson procurement actions support sustainability

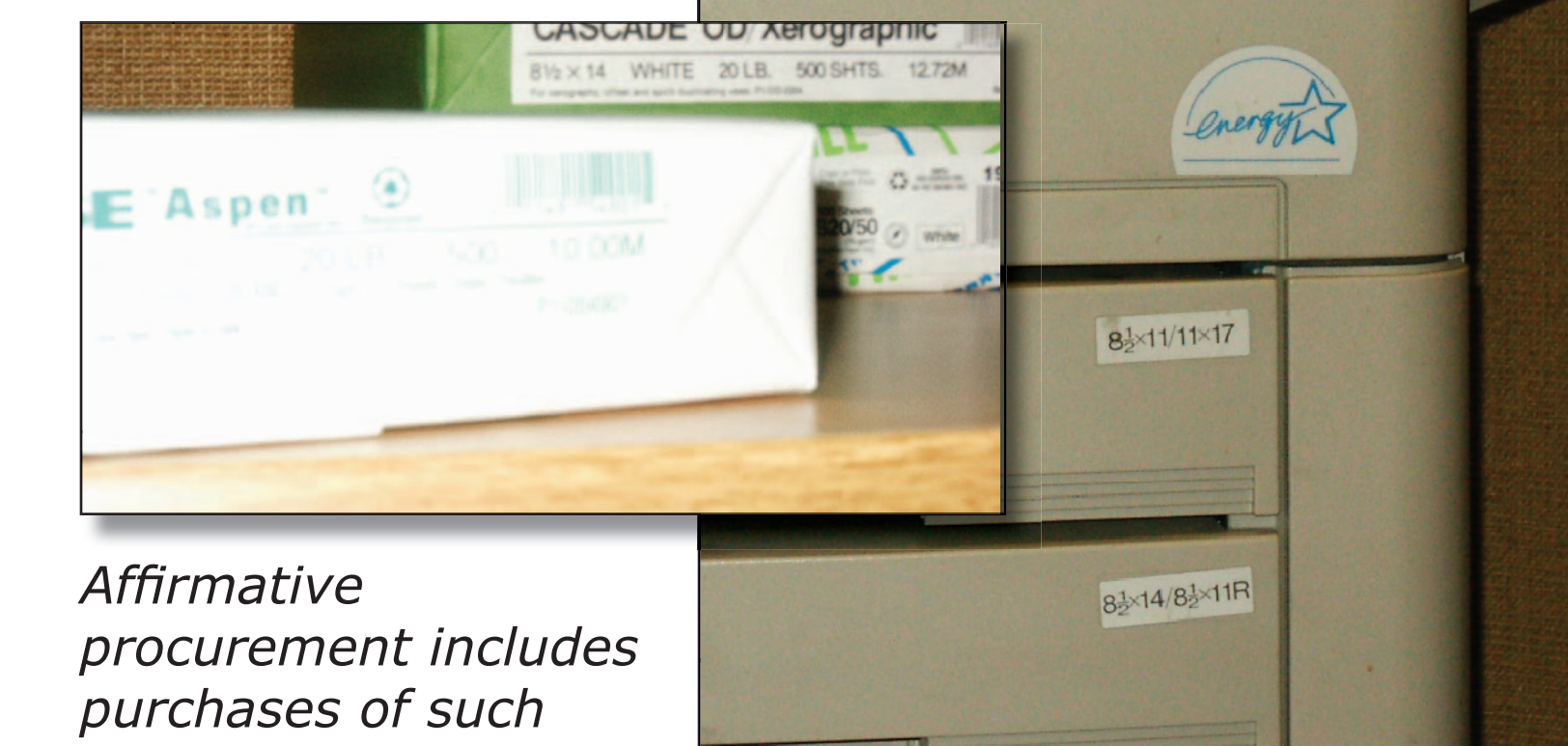


Future Initiatives:

- Train contracting personnel on the policies and procedures identified in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).
- Train contracting personnel to more effectively encourage customers to think "Green".
- Post on the local Army Contracting Agency – Northern Region Contracting Office website specific guidance and information about procuring environmentally-friendly products and services.

Accomplishments:

- Conducted monthly Government Purchase Card training, which included a focus on cardholders using their purchase cards to buy environmentally-friendly products and services.
- Encouraged customers to think "Green" when submitting requisitions.
- Entered into a "deconstruct" demolition contract where materials from a building being removed were salvaged and used for other projects on the Installation in lieu of all materials going to a landfill.



Affirmative procurement includes purchases of such items as recycled-content paper and energy-efficient copiers.



Racked dispensing systems implemented at several motorpools are a good example of reduced packaging, for such products as antifreeze, motor oils, etc.

Questions:

How can procurement processes be improved to favor the purchase of sustainable products and services?

How can government contract specifications and selection criteria be written to make locally-produced, sustainable products and services advantageous to suppliers?



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